

Course Information Sheet for entry in 2024-25: MSt in Classical Archaeology



Course facts

Mode of study	Full Time Only
Expected length	9 months

About the course

The MSt in Classical Archaeology is designed for those who wish to build on undergraduate studies in classical archaeology, as well as for those with experience in other areas of classical studies wishing to develop an understanding of the material culture.

The MSt provides the flexibility to allow you to choose from a wide range of periods which provide broad overviews, and detailed options focusing on different specific aspects of the subject.

You will choose one period module. A list of typical period modules is provided below. Not all modules run every year.

- Early Iron Age Greece, 1200-700 BC
- Archaic, 800-480 BC
- Classical, 500-300 BC
- Hellenistic, 330-30 BC
- Late Republican, 200-30 BC
- Early Imperial, 30 BC-AD 120
- Middle Imperial, AD 70-250
- Late Antiquity, AD 280-650
- Byzantine, AD 600-1453

You will then take two further option modules which will enable you to develop a deeper understanding of a particular field of research. A list of typical option subjects is provided below and more information is available on the department's website (See *Further information and enquiries*). Not all modules listed will be available every year.

- Topics in Aegean Prehistory
- Roman Architecture
- Greek Coinage
- Greek Sculpture
- Greek and Roman Landscape Archaeology
- Roman Provincial Art
- Late Roman and Byzantine architecture
- The Archaeology of Greek Religion
- Historical Narrative in Art
- Aegean Bronze Age Trade OR Religion
- Burials, settlements, and society in Iron Age Greece, 1200-650 BC
- Greek Vases
- Greek and Roman wallpaintings
- Etruscan Italy
- Hellenistic Far East
- Gandharan Art and the Classical World
- Pompeii and Ostia
- Roman Coinage
- Archaeology of the Roman Economy
- Maritime Archaeology
- Lived Religion in Late Antiquity

You may also be permitted to study an unlisted topic within Classical archaeology, or another directly related to it, provided that the topic is appropriate and teaching is available. If you are seeking a broader course then you may, if you wish, in addition to one period option and one subject option, select a third subject from among those offered by a number of cognate disciplines.

Teaching is mainly through small-group tutorials or classes of usually one to five students, for which you prepare short essays on a weekly basis, supplemented by a wide range of lecture courses and graduate seminars.

Supervision

The allocation of graduate supervision for this course is the responsibility of the School of Archaeology and it is not always possible to accommodate the preferences of incoming graduate students to work with a particular member of staff. Under exceptional circumstances a supervisor may be found outside the School of Archaeology. You will meet with your academic supervisor at least at the start of each term.

You will have a departmental supervisor, normally in your main area of interest, who may provide some of your teaching but will advise on option choices and monitor overall progress. Each member of the academic staff in Classical archaeology offers a different subject in his or her areas of specialism in each of the first two terms, so you can normally choose from about eight different subjects each term; these cover major topics from the Bronze Age to the Byzantine period. Not all courses listed will be available every year.

Assessment

The subject options are examined by pairs of pre-set essays, submitted early in the following term, or you may choose to prepare a dissertation in place of one subject, submitted in the middle of the final term (Trinity term).

The final term is devoted to the broad study of a particular period, which is assessed by written examination at the end of the term. There is also a compulsory viva voce examination for the whole course.

Changes to this course

The University will seek to deliver this course in accordance with the description set out above. However, there may be situations in which it is desirable or necessary for the University to make changes in course provision, either before or after you commence your course. These might include significant changes made necessary by any pandemic, epidemic or local health emergency. For further information, please see the University's Terms and Conditions (<http://www.graduate.ox.ac.uk/terms>) and our page on changes to courses (<http://www.graduate.ox.ac.uk/coursechanges>).

Costs

Annual fees for entry in 2024-25

Fee status	Annual Course fees
Home	£16,170
Overseas	£32,780

Information about course fees

Course fees are payable each year, for the duration of your fee liability (your fee liability is the length of time for which you are required to pay course fees). For courses lasting longer than one year, please be aware that fees will usually increase annually. Information about how much fees and other costs may increase is set out in the University's Terms and Conditions (<http://www.graduate.ox.ac.uk/terms>).

Course fees cover your teaching as well as other academic services and facilities provided to support your studies. Unless specified in the additional cost information (below), course fees do not cover your accommodation, residential costs or other living costs. They also don't cover any additional costs and charges that are outlined in the additional cost information.

Additional cost information

There are no compulsory elements of this course that entail additional costs beyond fees and living costs. However, as part of your course requirements, you may need to choose a dissertation, a project or a thesis topic. Please note that, depending on your choice of topic and the research required to complete it, you may incur additional expenses, such as travel expenses, research expenses, and field trips. You will need to meet these additional costs, although you may be able to apply for small grants from your department and/or college to help you cover some of these expenses.

Living costs

In addition to your course fees, you will need to ensure that you have adequate funds to support your living costs for the duration of your course.

The likely living costs for 2024-25 are published below. These costs are based on a single, full-time graduate student, with no dependants, living in Oxford. We provide the cost per month so you can multiply up by the number of months you expect to live in Oxford.

Likely living costs for one month

	Lower range	Upper range
Food	£315	£495
Accommodation	£745	£925
Personal items	£190	£320
Social activities	£40	£95
Study costs	£35	£85
Other	£20	£35
Total	£1,345	£1,955

Likely living costs for nine months

	Lower range	Upper range
Food	£2,835	£4,445
Accommodation	£6,705	£8,325
Personal items	£1,710	£2,880
Social activities	£360	£855
Study costs	£315	£765
Other	£180	£315
Total	£12,105	£17,595

Likely living costs for twelve months

	Lower range	Upper range
Food	£3,780	£5,940
Accommodation	£8,940	£11,100
Personal items	£2,280	£3,840
Social activities	£480	£1,140
Study costs	£420	£1,020
Other	£240	£420
Total	£16,140	£23,460

When planning your finances for any future years of study at Oxford beyond 2024-25, it is suggested that you allow for potential increases in living expenses of 5% or more each year – although this rate may vary depending on the national economic situation.

More information about how these figures have been calculated is available at www.graduate.ox.ac.uk/livingcosts.

Document accessibility

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